

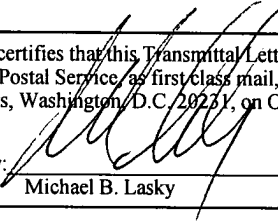
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Applicant:	FODSTAD et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	09/125,953	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
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Title:	IMMUNO-MAGNETIC CELL SEPARATION USED IN IDENTIFICATION OF GENES ASSOCIATED WITH SITE- PREFERENCED CANCER METHASTASIS FORMATION		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on October 20, 1998.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application (37 C.F.R. § 1.491). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the references listed were cited in an International Search Report dated July 1, 1997. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Since the International Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references are required, pursuant to MPEP §609(A)3.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

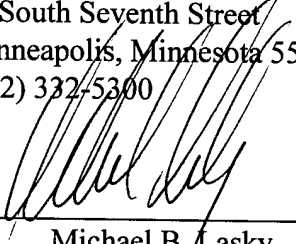
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Respectfully submitted,

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